

Directorate of Economics & Statistics **Govt. of Tripura, Agartala.**

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Views on the News Item :-

The State Govt. has noticed the news appearing in the Dainik Sambad dated 28th April'2006 titled as “**JAL BIDYUTHIN RAJYER MANUSH TEKKA DICHYA GAR AYEE**”. The news published did not reflect the actual economic situation of the State. The comments of the State Govt. on the said news are as follows :

- (i) The State Directorate of Economic & Statistics has been publishing the estimate of State Domestic Product (SDP) as well as per capita income over last three and half decades after discussion as well as following the guidelines of the C.S.O like other States and UTs. In 2003-04 the SDP as well as per capita income estimates has clearly increased with 1993-94 base .
- (ii) The SDP, per capita income and their growth published by the State Directorate of Economics & Statistics are less than similar figures prepared by the C.S.O. for Tripura. A comparative picture of the per capita income is as follows :

Year	State Govt. published figure in Rs.	Govt. of Indias prepared figure in Rs.
1993-94	5,534	5,775
1997-98	9,658	11,177
1999-00	13,195	14,828
2000-01	15,253	17,564
2002-03	18,550	20,760
2003-04	20,357	--

Source : CSO , Govt. of India & DES - Tripura.

- (iii) All India per capita income is the average of economically advanced states and economically backward states. Therefore, per capita income of Tripura nearing the all India figure does not mean that the economic condition of the state has become close to the economic condition of the advanced states of the country, as alleged in the news item.
- (iv) Figures of the BPL as appearing in the news related to 1997. Although, the BPL survey, 2003 has been conducted but the result could not be finalised due to disagreement with Central Government on the methodology. There is no dispute on the fact that income has risen over the last ten years.

- (v) The published figures for safe drinking water and power services were also not correct.

The correct figures would be as follows :

Census year	families covered with power services	families covered with safe drinking water
1991	36.93%	37.18%
2001	41.80%	52.60%

Source : RGI, Govt. of India.

Further, the State Govt. has put special effort for improvement of power and safe drinking water services in the state which as follows show improvement in the living standard of the people.

Power	Till 01.04.1998	Till 01.04.2005
Transmission line (km)	603.50	788.80
Kutirjyoti connections	6,217	50,598
Power Generation	79.5	105
<u>Drinking Water</u>		
Mark -III	4,648	8,195
Deep tubewell in operation	440	702
Over head reservoir	18	95
Pipe line (km)	2,656	4,762

Source : Tripura a Road to progress, April - 2006 of ICAT Department.

- vii) The reporting on agriculture & industry sectors are also not correct. For development of agriculture a special plan has been taken up & infrastructure improvements have been made for industries. Perspective plan for Agriculture for the years 2000-2010 as been taken up for development of agricultural sector. Some salient points are as follows :

	1999-2000 before perspective plan	2004-2005 Achievement
Distribution of fertilizer (MT)	28,391	34,629
Bio-fertilizer districution (MT)	1.4	7.4
Kishan Credit card	0	12,647
Rice production (Thousand MT)	513	612

Source : Tripura a Road to Progress, April - 2006 of ICAT Department.